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COUNTRY: CHILE

SUBJ: GOVERNMENT OF CHILE PRESSURE TO DROP INVESTIGATION
AND PROSECUTION OF ROJAS CASE

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TEXT: 1. ACCORDING TO LAWYERS CONNECTED TO THE INVESTIGATION OF EVENTS SURROUNDING THE BURNING AND DEATH OF RODRIGO ((ROJAS)) DENEGRI DURING POLITICAL DEMONSTRATIONS IN EARLY JULY 1986, THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE, HUGO ((ROSENDE)) SUBIABRE, IS PUTTING PRESSURE ON THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT (GOC) PROSECUTOR AND THE JUDGES TO STALL AND EVENTUALLY DISMISS THE CASE FOR LACK OF EVIDENCE. THE ACTING PROSECUTOR, ERWIN ((BLANCO)), WHO REPLACED ALBERTO ((MARQUES)) ALLISON WHO TRAVELLED TO EUROPE IN AUGUST AND HAS NOT RETURNED, IS BEING PRESSURED TO DRAG OUT THE INVESTIGATION. IF NO FINAL RESOLUTION OF THE CASE OCCURS, IT WILL THUS FRUSTRATE THE ROJAS DEFENSE LAWYERS WHO REALIZE THAT THEIR BEST CHANCE OF EXPOSING THE DETAILS OF THE MURDER WILL COME ABOUT IF THEY ARE ABLE TO GET THE CHILEAN SUPREME COURT TO REVIEW THE CASE. BUT UNTIL ANY JUDGMENT IS RENDERED IN THE CURRENT COURT OF JURISDICTION, THE SUPREME COURT IS POWERLESS TO REVIEW THE MATTER.

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